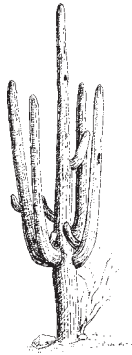




Educational Opportunities  
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Self-Guided Field Trips	<p>Teacher’s Packets are available for those teachers wishing to plan their own “Self-Guided Field Trip” to Saguaro National Park. Please call, write or stop by the visitor center to receive this free information packet.</p> <p>If you are planning to visit either district of Saguaro National Park, be aware that an entrance fee is charged. However, an educational fee waiver is available to “bona fide” education institutions by writing to the Fee Col - lections Office at least 4 weeks in</p>	<p>advance of your scheduled field trip and requesting the waiver. All requests must include specifics about your visit to include dates, times and justification for why you should receive an educa- tional fee waiver. Classes arriving without a fee waiver will be required to pay applicable entrance fees before entering either district of the park.</p> <p>An introduction and welcome by a park ranger is offered to all classes participating in a “Self-Guided Field Trip” to Saguaro National Park.</p>
Traveling Trunks	<p>Invite a ranger to your classroom! We bring the material and do the program.</p> <p>Teachers looking for a presentation to augment an existing science or desert unit may request one of our Traveling Trunk Programs. These presentations are designed to enhance and expand your in-class teachings.</p>	<p><u>TOPICS:</u></p> <p>Mammals Reptiles Birds Desert Tortoise Bats Saguaro Cactus Ethnobotany</p>
Career Day	<p>Two different Career Day programs are available depending on grade level. For elementary grade levels, park staff are available to present a fun, activity- oriented look at the many hats park rangers wear.</p>	<p>For middle school, high school and college levels, park staff are available to present a broad overview of the various job opportunities within the National Park Service.</p>
Love of Reading	<p>In celebration of “Love of Reading Week”, park staff are available during the entire month of February to visit your classroom or library and share our own personal love of reading with your students.</p>	<p>After reading a book on the natural or cultural history of the Sonoran Desert, we will pass around some hands-on material that relates to the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert.</p>

Curriculum-based Programs	Tucson Mountain District (west)	Rincon Mountain District (east)
	<p><i>7th through 10th Grades</i></p> <p><i>Desert Biomes</i> is for 7th through 10th grade students and integrates school curriculum with the scientific, cultural, historical and natural aspects of Saguaro National Park. This program is designed to be flexible and to meet the curriculum needs of each class. This is accomplished through a series of meetings between park staff and teachers. The Desert Biomes program is available on a limited basis year-round.</p> <p><i>4th Grade</i></p> <p><i>Desert Communities</i> offers a hands-on look at the interrelationships among the plants, animals and people of the Sonoran Desert. At the Tucson Mountain District this program is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays, November through March. To enhance your students’ learning experience, this program includes our Teacher’s Guide CD with pre-visit and post-visit activities, plus a classroom visit before the field trip.</p> <p><i>1st through 6th Grades</i></p> <p><i>Desert Wonders</i> offers 1st through 6th grade students a broad overview of the Sonoran Desert through exploration at the Red Hills Visitor Center and nearby trails. This program is available year-round and includes a classroom visit before the field trip.</p>	<p><i>4th Grade</i></p> <p><i>Desert Communities</i> offers 4th grade students a hands-on look at the inter-relationships among the plants, animals and people of the Sonoran Desert. At the Rincon Mountain District this program is available on Wednesdays and Fridays, November through March. To enhance your students’ learning experience, this program includes our Teacher’s Guide CD with pre-visit and post-visit activities, plus a classroom visit before the field trip.</p> <p><i>3rd Grade</i></p> <p><i>Desert Discoveries</i> offers 3rd grade students the opportunity to learn about the adaptations and interrelationships of the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert. This 1 mile hike is available on Wednesdays and Fridays, November through March. To enhance your students’ learning experience, this program includes our Teacher’s Guide CD with pre-visit and post-visit activities, plus a classroom visit before the field trip.</p> <p><i>2nd Grade</i></p> <p><i>Desert Explorations</i> offers 2nd grade students a broad overview of the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert. This program is available on Wednesdays and Fridays, November through March and includes a copy of our Desert Explorations activity booklet for each child.</p> <p><i>Pre-School , Kinder &amp; 1st Grade</i></p> <p><i>Desert Characters</i> introduces pre - school, kindergarten and 1st grade students to the plants and animals of the Sonoran Desert. This program is available November through March.</p>